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Fair and warm today and tomorrow.

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## DR. ADAMS SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HIS WIFE'S PRESENCE

Dies at Midnight in the Providence Hospital.

## WAS IN FIT OF ANGER

Seemed to Resent Remarks Addressed to Him About the New Year.

Whistles and bells that ushered in the New Year also sounded the death-knell of Dr. Arthur C. Adams, of 313 C Street southeast, who died at Providence Hospital, as the result of a pistol shot, self-inflicted.

In celebration of the New Year, Dr. Adams is said to have imbibed over-freely in intoxicants. Going to his home, however, about 8 o'clock, his wife is said to have upbraided him. At 9:40 o'clock the physician was sitting on the edge of the bed in their boudoir, and his wife was still talking to him.

### Lectured by Wife.

"Tomorrow is New Year Day, Arthur, why don't you straighten up and stop drinking? I hate to see you being another year like this," his wife is said to have remarked to him.

"Oh, I'll end it all right here and now," said the physician, as he leaped from the bed to a bureau drawer, from which he drew a .38-caliber revolver. "Now, I'll give you any trouble," he said.

He pressed the muzzle of the revolver to the right side of his neck just beneath the ear and pulled the trigger. The bullet crashed into his brain, and his head sank back on the pillow of the bed on which he was lying at the time of the shooting. His wife rushed to his side, but did not reach her husband until the shot had been fired and the weapon fell to the floor.

### Physician Too Late.

Horrified Mrs. Adams rushed to 313 C Street southeast, the residence of Dr. W. J. R. Thomsen, who went to the home of the suicide immediately. Dr. Thomsen realized that his brother-in-law was in a most critical condition, and ordered him removed to Providence Hospital. The doctors there entertained no hope for recovery, and, owing to the dangerous nature of the wound, they did not perform an operation, as it was not believed he could live half an hour.

Dr. Adams had a large practice in the eastern section of the city. He had no children by the wife in whose presence he ended his life last night, but it is understood that he had several by his first wife. Persons acquainted with Dr. Adams said last night that he had been addicted to strong drink for some time, but had drunk heavily only on the night of the holiday week. His wife's taking him to task last night is supposed to have stricken him with remorse, and he ended his life rather than enter the New Year under the conditions that existed.

## LAST ARREST OF 1904 AND FIRST OF 1905

Policeman Adcock, while patrolling his beat along Seventh Street, between N and O Streets northwest, about midnight, heard loud and boisterous talking and occasionally yelling on the street, and upon investigation found that the noise emanated from Charles Johnson. The negro was sent to the Second Precinct station, charged with disorderly conduct, but when searched, a razor was found in his possession, and a charge of carrying concealed weapons was registered against him. To him belongs the distinction of being the last prisoner taken into custody by a member of the Metropolitan police force in 1904.

Oscar Weber was arrested on the stroke of 12 o'clock by Policeman Boucard, of the Sixth precinct. The young man was clad in a natty brown suit, and was perfectly sober when taken before Desk Sergeant Garner to give his name. He deposited \$5 collateral for his appearance in the Police Court tomorrow. His was the first arrest in 1905.

## AMERICAN LEGATION SENDS NOTE TO PORTE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—The American legation has sent another note to the porte, pointing out that the brigands who looted a caravan belonging to the American house of MacAndrews & Forbes, of Smyrna, near Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, recently, have not yet been punished, and demanding that prompt instructions be sent to the governor of Zor, the district in which the outrage was committed, to arrest and punish the followers of the notorious Kurdish chief, Ibrahim Pasha, who looted the caravan.

## LAKE SHORE LOCOMOTIVES CRASH, KILLING ONE MAN

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 31.—Two Lake Shore engines crashed into an Erie and Pittsburgh freight car filled with workmen at Dock Junction in the west yards shortly before 7:30 tonight, killing Dennis Leonard instantly and injuring all of the men on the car.

Two of the injured men, William Barthelmus and Edward Jones, will die.

## MANY WILL SHAKE PRESIDENT'S HAND THIS NEW YEAR

Brilliant Uniforms of Diplomats Will Be in Evidence.

## RECEPTION A SPECTACLE

Thousands Will Be in Line at the White House Today.

The custom of the President of the United States to give a reception on New Year Day to the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Cabinet and Supreme Court and other branches of official government is so old that no Washingtonian can remember a New Year Day when there was not a snake-like column of humanity headed by an orderly phalanx of higher officials, tapering on down to a straggling and mottled crowd, which reached from the White House for two blocks up Pennsylvania Avenue.

Here the officials wait in the rain, sleet or snow, until precedent permits them to enter the Executive Mansion and greet the President.

### The Privileged Class.

The august body of diplomats and Supreme Court justices do not have this disagreeable wait, but drive into the White House grounds from the south side, and enter the residence under the portico, where large and comfortable reception and dressing rooms have been arranged for them, and from which they later ascend to the upper floor by means of a private elevator, thus avoiding the crush of other visitors.

After leaving the elevator they are ushered into the Red Room, from which they are shown into the Blue Room, introduced to the President by the officer in charge—an impressive personage in uniform—the President in turn introducing them to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Standing in line with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt tomorrow will be the wives of Cabinet members, Mrs. Hay first, and so on through the different departments according as they were instituted, while behind this line will stand the Cabinet members themselves. Facing the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, and their party, with but a narrow aisle between, marked by a heavy silken cord, will stand those invited to "assist" in the Blue Room. These guests have also been invited to remain for a breakfast at noon in the private dining room.

### Cassini at the Head.

Count Cassini, dean of the Diplomatic Corps, appointed by Russia as ambassador to this country June 23, 1888, will head the line. He will be the first to shake the President's hand and wish him a prosperous New Year. His uniform is splendid to behold, all crimson and gold, with decorations so thick on the front of his coat that you cannot count a single button.

With him comes Countess Cassini, who wears a splendid gown always of rich material, costly furs, sometimes that priceless Russian sable—and a hat that astonishes all who behold it, but which converts her into an Old World picture of female loveliness.

In the Russian ambassador's suite are seven attaches, two of them with wives, making with the ambassador and the countess, eleven representatives of the nation of the Bear to greet the President.

The Mexican ambassador comes next, appointed in 1899, and with him his wife, Senora de Azpiz. He is a fine old man, and has had the respect of two Presidents, McKinley and Roosevelt. Senora de Azpiz nearly always wears a rich black velvet gown somewhat like that of the late Mrs. Roosevelt, with fine old lace and some rare jewels.

This year Senorita de Azpiz, the daughter of the ambassador, will pass in review before the President. She made her debut on a stormy, snowy day not long ago, and now, according to the custom of her country, will attend a state formal function.

Mexico is generous with its diplomats. When the ambassador and his family, with the attaches and their wives in line, the number the unlucky thirteen this year.

### Italy's Representative.

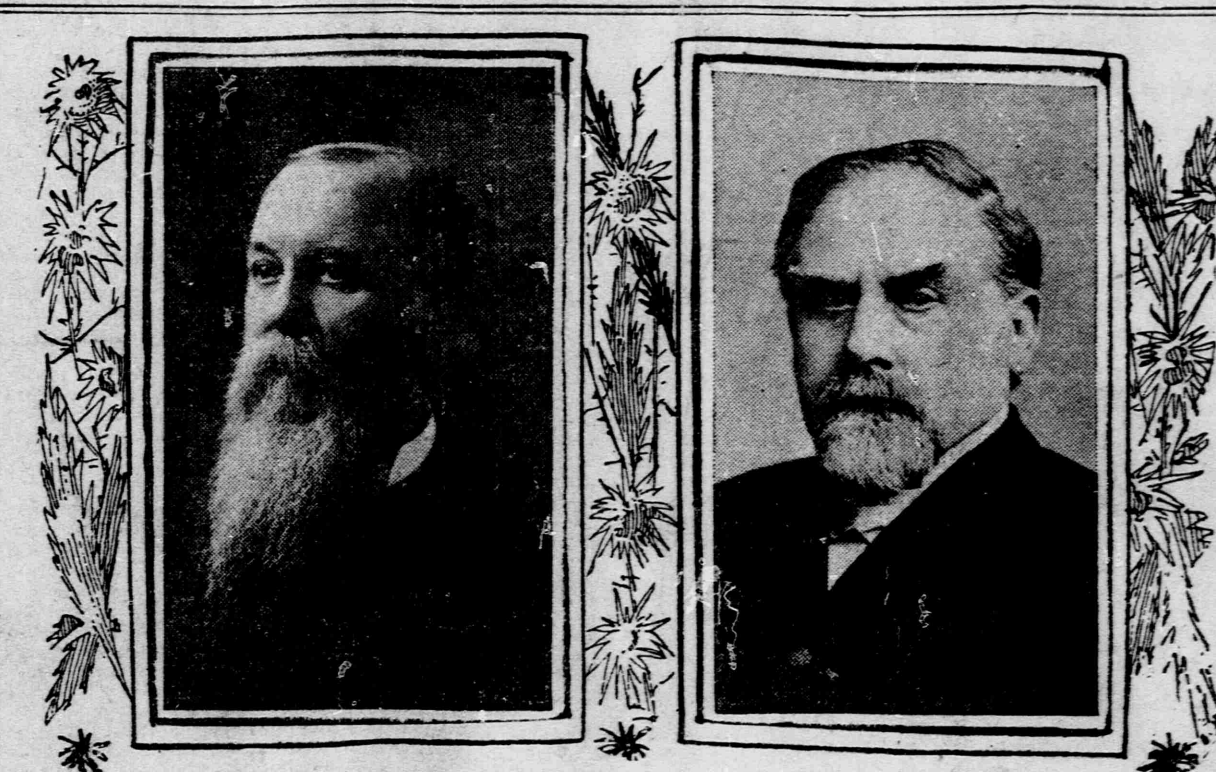
The line of representatives from the Italian government will come next. While there are fewer representatives, their uniforms are far more gorgeous than those of the Mexicans.

The ambassador, Baron Mayor des Planches, is a handsome man, while his wife is conceded the handsomest woman in the Diplomatic Corps. She wears fine gowns, made by the best modistes of Europe, and splendid jewels.

### Glorious in Lace.

Passing down the line after greeting the President he will wear his full court costume, high top boots, velvet breeches, a splendid coat of red with gold, and jeweled decorations reaching from his chest to his belt and from shoulder to shoulder. Over this is a graceful, long red cape, held to one shoulder by a cord and falling almost to his feet on one side, costely fur bordering it all around, while a jeweled clasp gleams at the collar.

A rich cockade, or something near akin to it in shape, is held in his hand, the



SENATOR JOHN H. MITCHELL.

BINGER HERMANN, M. C.

INDICTED BY AN OREGON GRAND JURY.

## DOUBLE MURDER; HUSBAND ARRESTED

Charged With Killing Wife and a Man.

## TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK FLAT

Refuses to Talk—Believed to Have Done Terrible Deed While in a Jealous Fit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—New York's East Side had another tragedy late this evening. As a result, George Frisk and Mrs. Clara Klappan lie dead at the home of the woman, at 144 East Fifteenth Street.

Ernest, the woman's husband, is in the custody of the police. It is asserted that Klappan committed the double murder in a fit of jealousy.

A rigid investigation is being conducted by Coroner Scholer. The case presents certain features which are still a mystery to the police.

### Five Shots Heard.

Shortly before 7 o'clock tonight the other tenants of the house were disturbed by five shots, following each other in rapid succession. In a nonce the building, and a few minutes later the entire neighborhood, were in an uproar.

Several small boys scurried off to inform the policeman on the beat. When the bluecoat arrived at the scene he had to fight his way through an excited mob to get into the building.

Everybody seemed certain that the shots had been fired in the apartments of the Klappans. When the policeman entered the rooms, located on the top floor of the house, a ghastly sight presented itself.

### Tragedy Discovers.

Near one of the windows lay the lifeless bodies of Mrs. Klappan and Frisk. At the door, as though ready to leave the room, stood Klappan.

There was blood all around the room. Every condition pointed to the fact that a struggle for life and death had preceded the double killing.

The bodies lay near each other. Neighbors who had crowded into the room after the policeman saw the expression on their faces was that of deadly terror.

Bellevue Hospital sent an ambulance and one of its surgeons. The latter could do no more than state that death had claimed the two before his arrival.

### Made No Statement.

Klappan had been taken into custody immediately after the room had been entered by the police. He offered no resistance and made no statement.

He was taken to the nearest police station, where the captain subjected him to a searching examination. So far the police have given out no statement bearing on whatever the man might have said.

Mrs. Klappan was a pretty woman of hardly thirty years of age.

Frisk seems to have been a friend of the family and certainly was a frequent caller at the flat, according to the statements made by neighbors after the shooting. He was thirty-four and a handsome, tall fellow.

## THEODORE THOMAS NEAR DEATH FROM PNEUMONIA

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Theodore Thomas, conductor of the Chicago Orchestra, lies fighting with death from pneumonia at his home, 43 Bellevue Place.

He is now nearing the crisis, and is holding his own.

The serious condition of the patient was emphasized when at noon today a second consultation of physicians was held and additional doctors were called in.

"Mr. Thomas passed a very restless, almost sleepless, night," said C. N. Fay, his brother-in-law, today. "Dr. Ely, who is with him, says he is holding his own. What the outcome will be cannot be predicted definitely yet."

Mrs. Thomas and a trained nurse were at the sick man's bedside all night.

## RACE WITH ENGINE COST HIS LIFE

Ernest Snooks Dies After Fall From Bicycle.

## WAS RUNNING TO A FIRE

Cause of Accident Not Known—Coroner Nevitt May Hold an Inquest Tuesday.

Racing with a fire engine cost Ernest Snooks, twenty-one years old, of 3223 Prospect Avenue, Georgetown, his life last night. On N Street, between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Streets northwest, the fire, to which No. 5 Engine Company was running, occasioned \$100 damage in the refectory of the Georgetown College, and was caused by a lighted candle coming in contact with a branch of a Christmas tree.

The alarm was sounded from box 716 by some one connected with Georgetown College. A New Year Eve party was being held in the refectory, and one of the priests suggested that the Christmas tree, heavily laden with candles and decorations of many kinds, be lighted up. This was done at dusk, and there was no sign of fire for more than an hour. Persons walking in the room are believed to have shaken the tree so that one of the topmost branches hung over a candle and was ignited.

### Burned Some Time.

The fire was not discovered until most of the upper part of the tree had been burned away. When it was discovered many sparks had fallen on the carpet and set fire to the floor. Realizing that those in the college could not come with the situation it was deemed best to summon firemen.

No. 5 Engine Company, on M Street, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third Streets, Georgetown, was the first to respond. "The three horses attached to the heavy steamer were guided into N Street at Thirty-third Street, and young Snooks, who was in the vicinity of his home, riding a bicycle, decided to follow the engine. He rode beside the steamer until the hose wagon came up beside it. Then he spurred up and got in front of the engine.

### Called to the Boy.

Driver Jacob Oliver had his horses going at a lively gallop, and shouted to the boy to get out of the way. The young man evidently heard the yell of the driver and slackened his pace. The hose wagon was almost abreast of the engine when Snooks dropped back to a point about opposite the singletree of the steamer. That was the last seen of him on the bicycle. Whether he was struck by the singletree or his front tire slipped on a piece of ice, is a matter of conjecture. Near the corner of Thirty-third and N Streets, however, the young man was hurled from his wheel, and was dashed against the curb.

Several citizens who were watching the apparatus pass, saw Snooks land on the curb and his wheel fly from under him, and rushed to his assistance. He was in great pain, but conscious, when they reached him. Georgetown University Hospital is three squares from the scene of the accident, and it was deemed better to carry him to the institution than to summoning the patrol wagon from the Seventh Precinct station.

### His Injuries Fatal.

When placed on the operating table it was found that he was suffering from a severe laceration of the scalp, and several of his ribs were fractured. A closer examination disclosed the fact that one of the broken ribs had punctured his left lung, and caused hemorrhages.

Shortly after 10 o'clock he died, without regaining consciousness. Coroner Nevitt was informed and ordered the body taken to the morgue, and will, in all likelihood, hold an inquest on Tuesday.

Oliver saw the man hurled to the ground, but thinking no serious injury had been received, continued on to the fire. When the college was reached, considerable difficulty was experienced in getting into service, on account of the fact that the big gray building is about a block from the nearest fire plug. The firemen made quick work of the flames, and after some furniture having an aggregate value of \$100 was destroyed, the fire was extinguished. The loss is covered by insurance.

## REPORTS ON WAR NEARLY ALL LIES

Russian Censorship Severe in Mukden.

## LETTER OF CORRESPONDENT

St. Petersburg Paper Publishes It, and Is Compelled to Qualify Effect by Editorial.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to a report from St. Petersburg, Nikolai Pirloff, correspondent of the Liberal paper, "Russk," has sent a letter to his editor in which he declares it to be next to impossible to send truthful reports of the operations and conditions of the Russian army south of Mukden into Manchuria. Among other things Mr. Pirloff says:

"When I undertook to become your correspondent with the Russian army I did not think of the lies which the war correspondents are compelled to send to Russia, for, after all it is said and done, we lie when we send telegrams and letters about the war. Of course I do not lie in words while corresponding for you, but if I am permitted to report only one side and say nothing, not one word, about the other, then I have lied in the spirit."

### Hard Row to Hoe.

"This is particularly hard when one considers how much good could be done by telling of all the little odds and ends upon which may depend the success of the entire undertaking. In regretting my inability to inform you of these details, I do not mean to complain of the censorship. It is, indeed, a necessary institution, for our enemies are quick to take advantage of every scrap of information they can obtain. But no harm could be done by telling more of what is lacking in our administration and equipment than in finding fault with their army. The shoddy method employed by the enemy."

"Instead of leaving the Japanese to work out their own salvation, but tend to our own, we are engaged in doing the opposite. We are ever telling our enemy that there are rents in his coat which he must mend lest he will catch a cold. The censor is ever pleased when a telegram of this character is sent out, and usually comments upon it by saying that the dispatch will certainly have a good effect."

### Dispatch Is Withheld.

"Then you find some serious trouble in your own army, or some lack of facilities, and you prepare to report this also. The censor is just as obliging as he was in the other case and tells you that the effect of the dispatch will be by a means salutary. You send your dispatch, but two days later you are informed that the censor, in his wisdom, has after all found it advisable to withhold it."

Since the publication of this letter the "Russk" has been compelled to publish in its editorial columns an expert opinion stating that as civilians the war correspondents would do well to be informed that the censor, in his wisdom, has after all found it advisable to withhold it."

## SPEAKER CANNON WOULD PARE THE NAVAL BILL

Believes Something Can Be Saved on Amount Asked—Greasing the Legislative Wheels.

Speaker Cannon has returned to the city, and is already greasing the legislative wheels for the remaining two months of this session. He has his weather eye on the pile of gold in the Treasury, and has started in to see that the several appropriation bills are pared down to a common-sense basis.

The naval bill, estimated to carry \$104,000,000 at the least, is the one giving Speaker Cannon the most concern. He does not want to hamper the growth of the navy, but believes that this amount can be reduced.

## BOTH INDICTED FOR COMPLICITY IN LAND FRAUDS

Jury Acts Adversely in Cases of Mitchell and Hermann.

## OFFICERS IMPLICATED

Former Sheriff Accused and United States Attorney Loses His Place.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—This New Year Eve will not be forgotten in Oregon for a generation. It will be a date standing out in the calendar of time from which can be measured the happening of some of the most sensational bits of news, but was thrown far into the shade at 6 o'clock in the evening when it became known that the United States grand jury here had indicted Senator John H. Mitchell, Representative Binger Hermann, and George Sorenson, former deputy sheriff of Portland, all accused of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in the sale of public lands.

The special charge against Sorenson is that of having offered a bribe to Hall to influence him in regard to one of the defendants.

## NEWS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON

Secretary Hitchcock received the news of the indictment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Binger Hermann late yesterday afternoon in a private message from Inspector Greene, who has been in charge of the land frauds investigation in Oregon, and who is now assisting the Department of Justice in gathering evidence for the pending prosecutions.

"The indictment of Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann in no way changes the situation with respect to land frauds in Oregon or the attitude of the Department of the Interior on that subject," said Mr. Hitchcock last evening. "The cases are now in the hands of the Department of Justice. We will simply render every assistance possible in procuring every assistance possible in procuring those whom we believe guilty, excepting those whom we believe guilty."

"Everyone against whom we can obtain evidence will be prosecuted whether of high or low degree. Public opinion and position will not stand in the way of public justice, and the highest will have to stand with the humblest if investigation connects them with these frauds."

When asked if he felt gratification at the finding of the Federal grand jury in Oregon, Mr. Hitchcock said he had nothing further to say than that his only interest was the successful prosecution of those who have been guilty of criminal operations in public land transactions.

### Hitchcock Pleased.

Secretary Hitchcock and his wife were entertaining a large party when a message came that Mr. Hitchcock found time to express his attitude on the Mitchell and Hermann indictments. Although one of the most taciturn and impressive members of the Cabinet, Mr. Hitchcock was plainly elated over the new turn developed in the Oregon situation.

A statement issued as he was leaving for Portland to face the grand jury, Representative Hermann intimated that the connection of his name with the investigation was the result of a studied effort on the part of the highest officials of the Department of the Interior to undo him. He is as well as Senator Mitchell, February his innocence of all charges, which up to that time had been of an indefinite character. They declared they were going to Portland to take advantage of the grand jury precedent there permitting men to appear in their own behalf, and said they were returning to Washington as quickly in time to be vindicated and return to Washington for the reconvening of Congress.

After serving six terms in Congress, Representative Hermann was appointed Commissioner of the General Land Office by President McKinley in 1897, and served until February 1, 1902. At the time of his resignation it was said there was little sympathy between him and Secretary Hitchcock. He was immediately re-elected to Congress from his old district.

### Alleged Persecution.

Senator Mitchell was first elected to the Senate in 1872, and is now serving his fourth term, having been defeated for one term, and at another period the seat having been vacant on account of a deadlock. He was designated at this session as chairman of the Committee on Intercoastal Canals, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hanna. His long service in the upper body of Congress and the trust imposed in him by his colleagues has made Senator Mitchell one of the prominent members of the Senate. He is a member of the Committee on Coast Defenses, and several other important committees.

Friends of the indicted men in Washington had asserted that Secretary Hitchcock hates both Mitchell and Hermann and had exhausted every effort to connect them unjustly with the frauds. The indictment is a vindication of the Cabinet officer. Dispatches have been sent out of the city abusing the

## PRISONER TAKEN FROM JAIL FOR CONCEALMENT

Alleged Assailant of Alexandria Woman Hidden by Sheriff.

## FEARS ANGRY CITIZENS

Refused Asylum in Washington Police Station. Guilt Doubted.

John Dempsey, alias John Longstreet, under arrest for an alleged attempted criminal assault upon Miss Esther Peverill and Miss Ruth Ebaugh, was spirited away from the Alexandria county jail last night by Sheriff Palmer, almost under the eyes of a maddened citizenry, and carried by him through the country to a safe place of concealment. There he will be kept during the night. This was the story that came at 1 o'clock this morning from the county jail at Falls Church. It was told a reporter of The Times by the jailer, with every guarantee of its entire truth. Previous reports and well-founded suspicions were to the effect that Dempsey had been incarcerated at Fairfax courthouse and there incarcerated far from any danger of lawless violence.

### Fears Mob.

For Sheriff Palmer began to fear the fury of the mob. There had been no unseemly gatherings or openly expressed threats, but there was an undercurrent of animosity against Dempsey that boded him no good.

The fact that the girl had not been able positively to identify him did not still the mutterings. She had made a partial identification, and to the angry and even desperate friends of herself and her family this seemed enough.

So at least thought Sheriff Palmer, and he was determined to take no chances. He understands the restiveness and uncertainty of the mob spirit, and that from a condition of quiescence it springs in an angry moment into uncontrolled and brutal rage.

### Off in Wagon.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock last night a two-seated trap was driven to the jail door and in the black darkness Dempsey was brought out between two deputies and placed in the trap. He seemed to be apprehensive of danger and to feel safer in the hands of the officers than anywhere else.

The trap drove off into the darkness. There was no one about to follow and its ultimate destination was not discovered. Jailer Collins delivered the prisoner to the sheriff upon the order of Captain Mackay, Commonwealth's attorney for Alexandria county. The officers believe in the man's innocence and they are unwilling to take any chances of harm befalling him. They insist the crime was committed by a negro.

It was said at the jail that Dempsey would be brought back there this morning. The only purpose was to keep him over night.

### Refused Asylum.

Sheriff Palmer, of Alexandria county, last night requested the police of the Seventh Precinct to allow Dempsey to be brought to Washington and locked up in the Georgetown station, as mob violence was feared. The desk sergeant communicated with Captain Boardman, who in Collins delivered the prisoner to the sheriff upon the order of Captain Mackay, Commonwealth's attorney for Alexandria county. The officers believe in the man's innocence and they are unwilling to take any chances of harm befalling him. They insist the crime was committed by a negro.

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The sheriff was acquainted with the fact that Dempsey could not be brought here, and it was suggested that he be taken to Richmond. The Virginia authorities replied that they had no care to go to that extent as they believed the prisoner innocent, but were holding him for a further investigation. They say they are confident that a negro committed the assault.

## DEMPSEY'S GUILT IN GRAVE DOUBT

Although Dempsey is still held in custody, grave doubt exists in the minds of those closely acquainted with the facts in the case as to his guilt. So firmly is this belief fixed in the minds of the men in and around Arlington Junction that other clues are being followed and other arrests have been made.

Last night about 10:30 o'clock two white men arrested a suspicious looking negro at Waterloo, and brought him over to W. N. Ebaugh's home. Miss Ebaugh looked at the man and said he did not resemble the one who attacked her, and Miss Peverill in the least. After questioning him closely and finding nothing on which to hold him, Mr. Ebaugh ordered his release.

The negro living at Jackson Hill, who was being watched, has disappeared. A stated in The Times yesterday afternoon, this man is known to have been out all Thursday night, and when he was seen Friday morning had several scratches on his face, which he claimed were made by a cat. A search is being made.

It was reported at Arlington Junction last night that a mob was forming at Alexandria to go to the Fort Myer jail and take Longstreet from the sheriff and lynch him.

This report created a stir in and around the Junction, and a number of men were on the watch for the mob. The report was soon discredited, and the crowd dispersed.

There is a fixed determination on the part of the men who have been searching for the man who assaulted Miss Peverill to lay their hands on him when he is caught. They say that as